(c) The portion of GQ passing through the State of Orissa is 444 km. in length. 296 k.ms. of North-South Corridor passes through Punjab. North-South Corridor in the State of Jammu & Kashmir has 405 k.ms. of length. 14 k.ms. of North-South Corridor passes through the State of Himachal Pradesh.

(d) Yes, Sir. Bonus and penalty clauses have been included in the contracts to ensure completion of the projects well in time. For bonus an amount equivalent to 1 % of contract value per month of early completion becomes payable to contractor subject to a maximum of 6%. For delay in completion, an amount equivalent to 1/2000th of the contract value becomes recoverable from contractors for each day of delay, *{i.e.* about 1.5% per month) subject to a maximum of 10% of contract value.

Rural industries in Himachal Pradesh

†* 53. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural industries set-up in the villages of Himachal Pradesh by Khadi Gramodyog Commission and the number of person working therein;

(b) what is the number of registered rural industries/institutions;

(c) the present status of these industries and the separate number of profit and loss making industries therein; and

(d) whether any scheme exists to help loss making industries and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) does not set up units of its own. However, as oh 31.03.2002, in the State of Himachal Pradesh, 1068 projects have been financed by the KVIC under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) which resulted in the generation of 19021 employment opportunities.

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(b) There are 14 (fourteen) directly aided Khadi institutions and 9 (nine) village industries institutions under the fold of Khadi and Village Industries Commission.

(c) Out of the 23 total institutions only 2 institutions are runing under loss.

(d) The Government on 14.05.2001, has announced a package for the promotion and development of Khadi and Village Industries (KVI) including loss making industries. The package consists of Rebate Policy for Khadi for five years, option of Rebate and Market Development Assistance (MDA), Insurance cover to Khadi artisans, emphasis on improvement of Khadi products, creation of packaging and design facilities, measures to promote marketing, brand building, cluster development etc. The package is under different phases of implementation.

Development of SSIs **in the country**

† * 54. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to bring a comprehensive legislation to make lakhs of Small Scale Industries set up in various States of the country free from Inspector Raj, provide them with Government protection and develop them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Government have received the draft of a Small Enterprise Development Bill from the Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad. The draft seeks to address concerns of the Small Scale Industries (SSI) related to credit, marketing, trade protection, labour related inspections etc. Comments on the draft bill as attempted by ASCI have since been received from stakeholders and have been sent to ASCI for examination and suggesting changes, if any, for further consideration.

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